

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1109

By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to recognize Niles Mayan Buford, Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable individuals who have dedicated their time and energies toward enhancing the quality of life in their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Niles Mayan Buford, who is being honored at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards in recognition of the leadership and service he has provided to the people of Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, the son of Pamela Buford, who was among the first Super Learning Class participants, Mr. Buford has been a Cooper-Jones Super Learning Student since the eighth grade; he graduated from Germantown High School in 2016; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mr. Buford was selected to become an intern at the internationally recognized Steven Biko Institution in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil; while there, he developed a deep appreciation for Pan-Africanism in the western hemisphere and globally, recognizing the common struggle between all Black people in the African diaspora; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buford graduated from Pomona College in Claremont, California, in 2020; he was an international relations student and a campus leader, a member of the All West and All Jazz bands, and a member of the Knowledge Bowl team; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Mr. Buford co-founded Rhizome, a national nonprofit organization that builds youth-led movements in underrepresented communities that do not have a legacy of civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Buford has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity; his commitment to excellence and community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Niles Mayan Buford upon his recognition at the Fourth Annual Living Legend Awards, applaud his outstanding community leadership, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and extend our best wishes for continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.